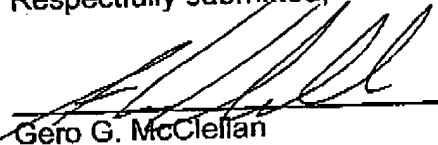


**REMARKS**

Applicants request that the Response to Final Office Action Mailed December 8, 2004 not be entered and that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to examining the application. Claims 8, 9, 11-12, 16, 19-22, 25, 27, 30, 32 and 35-50 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants believe the claims are now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner maintains that any rejections under 35 U.S.C § 101 or 112 remain, the Examiner is urged to contact by telephone the attorney signing below to resolve these issues so that prosecution may be moved forward.

Respectfully submitted,



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